



Missouri FFA

Public Speaking Academy

June 14, 15, & 16, 2005

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TO: Missouri FFA Advisors
FROM: Ron Scheiderer, Conference Manager

This will be my second year as the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy conference manager. With your help, we will continue to offer FFA students the best at the 2005 academy.

I need your help in several ways to make this a successful activity for FFA members. First, if you have any suggestions that will improve this activity, please email me at rdscheid@cvalley.net or call me at 660-388-6273.

Second, I need you to encourage potential participants who will benefit from the conference. I know FFA Advisors have a lot of influence on FFA members when it comes to attending FFA activities. This three-day public speaking academy has the potential to help your FFA member(s) as leaders in your chapter as well as competing in public speaking contests. The deadline for registration is **June 1, 2005** and the conference is limited to 60 participants. The application will be posted on the Ag Education web-site this spring - www.dese.mo.gov/divvoked/ag_ffa_registration_forms.htm.

Third, I know the cost of **\$130** may seem high for some FFA members as compared to other camps/academies. Please consider helping your FFA members with the costs. Contact your local FFA Alumni chapter to see if they would consider paying for at least one-half of the costs. Perhaps your chapter can award a scholarship to the creed speaker or other public speakers to attend this conference. Contact past District, State, or National Public Speaking winners in your community who would be willing to provide a scholarship to one or two of your members. I am sure there are many other ideas to help FFA members financially.

For your information, Missouri FFA is very fortunate to have the support of Mr. Gordon W. Warren from Richland as a major contributor. Mr. Warren's financial support is what makes it possible to keep the registration cost at the current level. If you have the opportunity to thank Mr. Warren, please extend the FFA's appreciation for his support.

Finally, when you plan your summer calendar, if **June 14, 15, and 16** will allow you to attend the academy as a chaperone, your help will be appreciated. Please contact me as soon as possible if you're available to chaperone.

I'm looking forward to a successful 2005 Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy.